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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INVOLVEMENT OF RTG HELICOPTERS IN ILLICIT DRUG SMUGGLING

REF: BANGKOK 21690

1. AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI OCT 14
ON USE OF RTG HELICOPTERS IN ILLICIT MOVEMENT OF DRUGS HAS PRODUCED
QUICK RESULTS. SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TELEPHONED US URGENTLY OCT 15 WITH WORD THAT DEPUTY MINISTER
OF INTERIOR WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICERS OF MISSION WHO
HAVE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE ON THIS MATTER.

2. MEETING HAS BEEN ARRANGED WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR
IN THE OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON FRIDAY, OCT 17.
AT THAT TIME WE WILL PROVIDE A SLIGHTLY SANITIZED VERSION OF THE
REPORT WHICH FIRST ALERTED US TO THIS SITUATION AND STRONGLY URGE
IMMEDIATE STEPS TO END THIS MISUSE OF THAI HELICOPTERS.
IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR, WHO WILL BE OCCUPIED AT THAT TIME WITH
VISIT OF ADMIRAL GAYLER, DCM AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD DOREY
WILL MAKE PRESENTATION.

3. INLIGHT OF THIS PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, WE WILL
SUSPEND ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS MATTER WITH OTHER SENIOR THAI
OFFICIALS UNTIL WE SEE OUTCOME OF OCT 17 MEETING.
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